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- The reply filed on January 8, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): While Applicant elected a Group, specifically Group I, directed to cancelled claims 1-2. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. The amendments filed on January 8, 2008 adds new claims 18-19 which excludes determining the nucleic acid sequence of *ibeA* which was a requirement methods step in original claim 1 and 2 (claim 1, step (d)), therefore the newly submitted claims are not directed to the originally elected invention. All claims 3-17 and new claims 18-19 are drawn to non-elected inventions and therefore Applicant's amendment submitted January 8, 2008 is considered to be non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The claims are not readable on the previously elected invention because the methods and products differ in structure function and biological/chemical effect.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shanon Foley can be reached on 571-272-0898. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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